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Bobby Walters Loses Struggle 46-YEAR-OLD Lack of Water Hampers Firemen Dies Silently of Cancer, Polio CYCLIST LOSES As Blaze Reduces House to Ashes LIMB IN CRASH

Bobby Walters is dead. The Green Lane RD 1 polio and cancer victim died quietly at Sacred Heart hospital, Norristown, at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Death came just one year after the little boy fell and bruised his right hip while playing at home. The injury was the cause of cancer which spread through his body and

watched the little boy twist in pain between noon and 12:30 and then quiet down at 1 o'clock.

AT 12:45 BOBBY'S breathing quickened. By 2 o'clock he was breathing harder. At 2:30 he was on the brink of death and at 2:35 his brief life closed.

Thus ended the long and patient trial of his parents. His hours of agony and suffering were over. Sympathetic thousands who contributed to his medical fund and who prayed for his relief have been saddened by the news.

It was this past September when thousands of Mercury readers opened their hearts to aid the little boy. They sent nearly \$7000 to The Mercury for the Bobby Walters fund and they mailed hundreds of "good cheer" and "get well" letters to the little hospital patient.

Bobby almost defied medical science. He uplifted those who supported him by his courageous fight against death. He battled the dreaded cancer in the hip, the stomach and head and was paralyzed by polio which first invaded

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Motorcycle Rider's Leg Is Amputated at Hospital

An 18-year-old Birdsboro youth was involved in an accident Saturday night in which a 46-year-old man riding a motorcycle had his right leg sliced off above the knee.

Arthur O. Decker, 46, 28 North Tenth street, was admitted to Pottstown hospital where his condition was reported as "good" last night.

Operating the car involved in the accident at the intersection of Route 422 and Monocacy road (Route 662) just north of Douglassville was John A. Flannery, 18 Brooke Manor Birdsboro.

According to Pottstown state police, Flannery said he had stopped for a stop sign before entering route 422 at 6:30 p. m.

HE LOOKED until he thought everything was clear then proceeded to enter the intersection. When he did he felt a crash.

The motorcycle, traveling east on Route 422, ran into the front of the car, police said.

The Goodwill ambulance answered the call and driver William Tosta applied a tourniquet to the man's leg.

He kept the tourniquet on until

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This house on North Hanover street in Upper Pottsgrove was a smouldering pile of ashes last night an hour after this photograph was taken. The two-story frame structure was the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice G. Himes, 1138 Queen street. Firemen were hampered in fighting the blaze by a lack of water.

Fire reduced a two-story frame house to a pile of smouldering ashes last night on North Hanover street, Upper Pottsgrove.

Firemen of four companies were hampered in fighting the blaze by a lack of water. Cause of the fire was not determined.

The owner of the building, Maurice G. Himes, 1138 Queen street, who used it as a summer home, said damage amounted to more than \$7000. The loss was not covered by insurance.

The alarm was first sounded at 7:42 o'clock. Another summons for help a few minutes later brought out all the available fire fighting equipment in the borough and from the West End Fire company.

THE FIRE was out at 9:30 o'clock but at 12:25 o'clock this morning a Good Will Fire truck was again called by residents who were alarmed by smoke coming from the ruin.

The rubble was still smoking when the firemen arrived but there was no danger of another outburst of flame. They were still on the scene early this morning probing for hot embers and dousing them with water.

Heat from the blazing inferno kept more than 100 spectators at a safe distance from the building. Fire fighters used almost 1000 gallons of water from booster pumps in a matter of minutes while other men of the companies searched for water in the area. Using a utility pump they succeeded in draining water from gutters, but not enough to control the fire.

A small kitchen built at the end of the 20 by 16-foot house is where the fire originated. Fire men could not succeed in confining the blaze to the small portion of the structure.

THE HUNGRY flames shot into the main part of the wood building. Heat from the fire inside the house blew out window panes with force and sharp reports of gun fire. Some of the spectators ran when the tremendous heat generated by the flaming dry wood of the building.

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SEVEN TO FACE GAMING CHARGE

New Hanover Businessmen Will Be Arrested by State Police

Seven business people of the New Hanover area will be arrested tomorrow on charges of setting up gambling establishments.

State Police Sgt. Thomas V. Devlin, head of the Norristown substation, said the arrests would not be made today because he will be in court on other cases.

"But if we get finished in court today we'll arrest them tomorrow," he said.

The arrests are part of one of the biggest raids on gambling equipment and operators in that area for some time according to police.

ALREADY ARRESTED and given a hearing was Rufus R. Erb, 61 of Frederick. Erb was arrested after State Police found 10 slot machines and 200 punchboards in the second floor of a barn in back of Erb's home on Hoffmanville road.

Before magistrate Charles H. Jamison of Norristown, Erb was charged with being the distributor of slot machines and punchboards. He was held under \$1000 bail on lottery charges Friday and was released after bail was posted.

The seven business people to be arrested tomorrow will be charged with operating gambling devices allegedly owned by Erb.

Working with Sgt. Devlin on the case is Cpl. Donald C. Beecraft.

Three Seniors Await Results of Contest for College Scholarships

Three Pottstown High school seniors are awaiting results of an essay contest they took part in at Norristown court house Saturday.

The Pottstown pupils competed with ten other Montgomery county High School Seniors in the American Legion sponsored contest to choose a boy or girl for a partial college scholarship.

Participants were Robert J. Lamb, son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Lamb Sr. Alice Wanger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Wanger, and John Cimbalista, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cimbalista.

They were selected after a preliminary elimination at the Pottstown school in which 11 pupils participated.

M. WESLEY DETWILER, a first county superintendent, said that the contest will be about two weeks before results are compiled.

He said Dr. William J. Phillips, chairman of the committee of college faculty members who are judging, expects to start in about \$100 in bills in the first round.

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Congressman Declares Taft-Hartley Law Should Be Revised or Amended

The Taft-Hartley law should be amended or revised, Montgomery County Congressman Samuel K. McConnell Jr. declared last night.

Speaking on the American Forum of the Air, a television program, he declared that the law was "a bad law" and that it was "a disgrace to the republic" to have such a law on the books.

The Republican representative, who also served in the 73rd congress, is head of the Labor committee in the House of Representatives. The committee is studying hearings on the problem of what to do with the Taft-Hartley act, which President Eisenhower favored as amending or revising during his campaign speech making.

McConnell drew fire during the program from Rep. Cleveland M. Bulley (Dem-W.Va.) who favored repeal of the Taft-Hartley act. Bulley objected to the law on grounds it infringes upon the

Neighbor Remembering Kind Gesture Starts Collection to Aid Fire Victims

A 16-year-old youth remembering a kind gesture made by a neighbor more than three years ago, has started a collection to aid the victims of the fire.

The boy, who is Philip Sweetland, 16, of Roversford RD 1, said he remembered the gesture when he was a boy and his father was sick.

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NATIONAL LEAD COMES TO TOWN

Doehler - Jarvis Begins Today as a Member of Metal Company

Pottstown Doehler Jarvis corporation officially began operation this morning as a member of National Lead company's family.

The sale of all the property and assets of the Doehler Jarvis company was consummated last Friday with the new parent company.

Under the provisions of an agreement unanimously accepted by common stockholders of Doehler Jarvis, the Doehler Jarvis company share holders will receive 11 1/2 shares of National Lead common stock for each share of Doehler Jarvis common stock.

The specification was made in an agreement and plan of reorganization dated Jan. 2, 1953.

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Stolen Car Wrecked After Hot Pursuit By Owner, Friends

A late model sedan stolen while parked by a Pottstown church yesterday morning was wrecked by the thief early last night during a wild 80 mile an hour chase.

The owner of the car, a Mr. J. H. Schwaeger, who lives at 1138 Queen street, said he was called at noon yesterday by the owner of the stolen car, Luther Schwaeger, Pottstown RD 1, reported at midnight last night that they had apprehended a young suspect whose name they are withholding.

The car was recovered on a dirt road near Mench's farm about one mile west of Pottstown at 6:15 p. m.

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Workers Approve Firestone Contract

Firestone Tire and Rubber Workers Local 336 approved a new contract with Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. yesterday.

Roundout of the bargaining committee were George Marcinowski, M. Twardowski, Ralph Jones, William Ecker and Martin Higgins. Attending the past signing were George East international representative of Akron Ohio and Fred Howard international representative of District 7, head quarters Norristown.

Garber explained the change in the contract.

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Steel Workers Name Meeting Delegates

Member of Bethlehem Local 2100, United Steel Workers (CIO), today afternoon heard Paul Ecker, president of the union, name and named election delegates to the State CIO convention.

Named to the State convention will be conducted in Philadelphia by the union April 8 were Henry Doner, Chuck Hisk, Benjamin J. Wade, James K. Dill, plane Daniel Stutter, Jack Smith and Isaac Glenn.

The membership nominated and elected the five delegates at yesterday's session in the CIO hall 764 King street.

It was announced the five top officers in the union will serve as delegates to the District 7 conference in Philadelphia on March 28.

THEY ARE President Dillipine Retiring Secretary Wade Vice President Jack Smith Financial

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Christmas 1952 was a happy event for little Bobby Walters, Green Lane RD 1 polio and cancer victim. But there will be no Christmas 1953 for the courageous 4-year-old. He died Saturday afternoon in Sacred Heart hospital, Norristown. Bobby played with a Santa Claus doll from his wheelchair at an early Christmas party sponsored by The Mercury this past fall. Nurse Marjorie Van Horn watched over Bobby from his wheelchair.

March Lion Roars With Winter Weather

March came in like a lion yesterday and the weatherman promises the lion of the beasts will continue to roar today and tomorrow.

A stormy blizzard Saturday morning was a preview of how winter would make its last fling this month. Blowing snow smothered the countryside at 9 a. m. hampering traffic and making walking difficult.

But bright sunshine lifted the white curtain in about 15 minutes and a blue sky afternoon made residents feel that the dawn of the first day of March would be as gentle as a newborn lamb.

The stealthy lion however crept up on the area and at

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THE WEATHER

For Eastern Pennsylvania Cloudy and cold today. Snow by this afternoon or tonight. Tomorrow snow or rain.

35 Mercury 23 Antics

TEMPERATURE EXTREMES
Local temperatures yesterday and early this morning were:

4 a. m.	32	4 p. m.	35
5 a. m.	32	5 p. m.	35
6 a. m.	32	6 p. m.	35
7 a. m.	32	7 p. m.	35
8 a. m.	32	8 p. m.	35
9 a. m.	32	9 p. m.	35
10 a. m.	32	10 p. m.	35
11 a. m.	32	11 p. m.	35
12 m.	32	12 p. m.	35
13 m.	32	13 p. m.	35
14 m.	32	14 p. m.	35
15 m.	32	15 p. m.	35
16 m.	32	16 p. m.	35
17 m.	32	17 p. m.	35
18 m.	32	18 p. m.	35
19 m.	32	19 p. m.	35
20 m.	32	20 p. m.	35
21 m.	32	21 p. m.	35
22 m.	32	22 p. m.	35
23 m.	32	23 p. m.	35
24 m.	32	24 p. m.	35

Romance Wins As Appeal Is Upheld

A 20th century Spring Mount knight didn't have to fight dragons to win his fair maiden but he did have to pay four trespassing fines on the case brought by the Cunniff's neighbor.

But yesterday Judge William F. Danneberg in Montgomery county court decided in favor of romance. He reversed a summary conviction of the young man who had been fined \$40.

The hero of the story is 22-year-old Sanford Landis, Salford Station road, Spring Mount.

Harris B. Antrim, who owns property on Fulmer's lane, Spring Mount, claimed that Landis had trespassed on his property four different times on Sept. 16, 1951.

ANTRIM SWORE to Magistrate Walter Jarman Schwenkville that Landis drove his car down Fulmer's lane. Antrim claimed that his property deed gave him the right of way to the lane.

So Landis was brought before the Magistrate and was fined \$10 on each of the four counts, although he testified that he was using the road to visit Sara Lane Seitz, one of four daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Seitz.

As a matter of fact, Landis said he had been using the road for a year and a half.

He paid out the \$40 but appealed the case.

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Local Book Fair to Open At 4 o'clock in YWCA

Pottstown's Book Fair exhibit will have its formal opening at the YWCA this afternoon at 4 p. m.

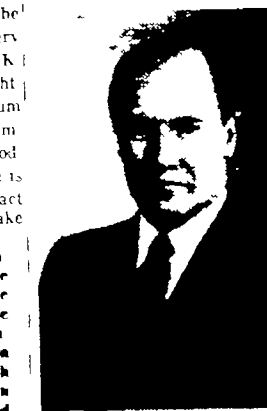
175 Attend Banquet Held Here by K of C

One hundred and seventy-five members and their families attended the annual family night banquet of Father Ball's council 1192, Knights of Columbus, last night at Maria Assunta lodge hall.

Toastmaster John G. Kalona introduced the Rev. William M. Begley, rector of St. Aloysius Catholic church who talked briefly on family life and announced the family conference to be held on March 14 in Philadelphia.

Entertainment by an orchestra and professional performers followed the talk.

Co-chairman with Kalona for the banquet was Anthony Rodgers. The two men headed a banquet committee.



SAMUEL McCONNELL JR.

national guaranty and is an American.

BUSINESS AND LABOR must reach an understanding, McConnell pointed out, and in the last analysis, the Taft-Hartley act must be just and fair to all segments of the population.

He said the passing of legislation does not in any way remove industrial relation, but that the law in the last analysis depends upon the honesty of the individual.

"I have found," he continued, "that the rank and file of labor feel there are many parts of the act they agree with."

But if you should ask them out right whether they favor the Taft-Hartley act in most cases they give an outright No.

Asked if the names of Taft and Hartley were objectionable he replied: "No. There's nothing wrong with the planners of the legislation."

Somewhat people have come to attach an emotional repulsion to the legislation itself. They identify

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Justice Cadmus Grants Continuance of Hearing

Earl L. Bauer, 359 New street, was given a second continuance on an assault and battery charge Saturday by Seventh Ward Justice of the Peace Richard H. Cadmus.

Bauer, arrested Thursday night after his wife Hattie Bauer, 434 Cherry street, obtained a warrant from Cadmus, was given a continuance at a hearing before Cadmus the past Friday.

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ON THE MAIN DRAG

DR. C. O. CLEMENTS
—admirer, early budding plants in his yard.

DR. RAYMOND J. BIEGEN
—having his little dog a car ride.

MRS. JOHN W. HEALY
—making a visit.

MRS. ED WHITEY
—leaving on a train to visit her all but bud.

HIRAM KEIM
—wearing a new Goodie's uniform.

IRVIN NICHOLS
—dodging a fast-moving car at High and Hanover streets.

SAMUEL DAVIDHISER
—eating a pint of ice cream with relish.

MRS. CARSON POTTER
—receiving a big shipment of flower seeds.

MARTHA SPOFFAKER
—placing a pie of dry cleaned clothing in her car.

EDITH NAGLE
—driving a car with care.